

MCRAWLEY MERELY "OBEYED ORDERS"

"Diplomats Entitled to Precede the Judiciary."

ORDER IN FOREIGN LANDS

Mr. Hay, Say President's Defenders, Always Appeared "In Front" of Lord Salisbury.

Who is responsible for forcing the judiciary to take a back seat for the diplomats? This is the question everyone is asking, but thus far no illumination is evident.

Major McCawley, who had active direction of things at the reception, is unwilling to talk. Col. T. W. Symons, who has general charge of White House social functions, is saying nothing. Mr. Loeb, Secretary to the President, is preserving a sphinx-like silence, and nothing has been heard from the President. More than this, Mr. Loeb said yesterday that no statement would be given out from the White House about the occurrence at the reception, or defining the ruling of the Administration on the question of social precedence.

"Merely Obedied Orders." It is asserted in some quarters that Major McCawley takes the position that he merely obeyed orders. His view of the matter is that the diplomats were entitled to precede the judiciary. He holds that, as strangers in this country in a sense, the foreign guests were entitled to be shown the courtesies of hospitality to the extent of being allowed to lead the line.

From all that can be learned, there is no disposition on the part of his supporters to criticize Major McCawley for having allowed the diplomats to go first. Whether any blame is attached to him for the manner in which he carried out the program is another question. In view of statements made by State Department officials and others that the diplomats were clearly entitled to precedence, the conclusion can hardly be escaped that it was the intention of the Administration to allow them to precede the judiciary.

State Department officials have no hesitancy in declaring their belief that the Supreme Court dignitaries are in the wrong, and that according to the code followed in foreign countries the diplomats were entitled to precede. It is said to be clearly settled that ambassadors have the right to precede all other persons at such functions as White House receptions.

It is recalled that when Mr. Hay was ambassador to Great Britain he preceded even Lord Salisbury, the prime minister, at state dinners. The same rule obtains at Continental capitals. The code is not so clear as to ministers.

People Seeking Books on Japan and Russia

Many Calls for Information at Libraries on National Customs and Characteristics of Two Countries Which May Go to War.

"Give me something that tells all about the people of Russia and Japan." This is the request now being din-

ned in the library of officials in all the libraries in the city. "I'll venture to say that at least thirty or forty people a day come to me to get information about those two countries," said an official at the Congressional Library. "It is only within the last two or three weeks that there has been such a marked interest in books about Japan and Russia, and we

readily account for it from the threatened war in the East.

"It is rather interesting to note that the people who come to read up on the two countries do so with the honest intention of determining with which side they will sympathize in case of war. I have found it to be a fact that there is no one-sided trend in public sentiment toward the Slav and Jap. As many people want Russia to win as there are advocates for Japan. An old tradition seems to account for the American friendship for Russia."

CONSIDERING A PLAN FOR HOLDING PRIMARIES

Chapin Brown Asks Suggestions From District Republicans.

Chapin Brown, chairman of the local committee in charge of preparing a plan for the Republican primary elections, is consulting with prominent Republicans to ascertain their views before calling the committee together. Mr. Brown said yesterday this meeting will probably not be held for three weeks. The committee, he said, wants to receive suggestions from the Republicans as to the plans for holding the primaries and it will then decide what changes, if any, should be made in the methods of holding the primaries.

Registration of voters is among the plans of improvement suggested, its cost being the chief objection, though the committee may find a way to minimize the expense so as to justify it.

A radical change in the old legislative districts by dividing them up into new ones is a question under consideration. Among the local candidates likely to figure in the primary elections mention is made of John B. Cotton, of the law firm of Cotton & White; L. M. Saunders, Perry Carson, Dr. J. E. Jones, Simon Wolf, W. Calvin Chase, and Dr. Purvis.

PRESIDENT MITCHELL TO GO TO EUROPE

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 23.—President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, will sail for Europe May 1, on his maiden trip abroad. The United Mine Workers of America have unanimously selected him as one of the American miners' two representatives in this year's session of the International Mining Congress, which convenes in Paris on May 23. This will be the first time this country has participated.

MISS COLEMAN SENT TO ST. ELIZABETH'S

Former Clerk in Pension Office Finds When Commitment Is Announced.

Mary M. Coleman, formerly a clerk in the Pension Office, late yesterday afternoon was adjudged by a marshal's jury to be of unsound mind, and was committed to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the Insane.

When the decision of the jury was announced Miss Coleman became excited, swooned, and had to be removed from the court room. She soon, however, regained partial control of herself, and was taken back to the asylum.

The investigation to determine the mental condition of the subject was begun Friday afternoon, in Criminal Court No. 2, and was not completed until yesterday. Miss Coleman was represented by Messrs. Wilson and Barksdale, and the Commissioners by Attorney John M. George, of Corporation Counsel's office.

WOMAN IN NIGHT DRESS CHASES A BURGLAR

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Clad only in her night dress, Mrs. Alice Fergus, occupying apartments at 148 Eighth Avenue, gave chase through the halls of the house to two burglars, who had broken into her apartments and were wrapping up valuable articles when discovered.

By sliding down the banisters on two flights of stairs Mrs. Fergus reached the lower hall as quickly as the men she was pursuing, and grabbed one of them. As she did so the man turned, delivering her a stunning blow in the face, which knocked her down. The janitor, John Yates, and his wife heard the noise and they ran up from the basement, reaching the main hall just as the burglar knocked Mrs. Fergus down. Yates captured the man, but the second man broke away and escaped.

FIRMS BID TO REMOVE BUILDINGS

Will Clear Site for Proposed House Offices.

R. W. DARBY HIGHEST BIDDER

Congressional Hotel Will Not Be Demolished Until All Other Structures Are Razed.

The sealed proposals for the removal of the buildings on square 699 bounded by B and C and First Streets and New Jersey Avenue southeast, which is to be the site of the new office building of the House of Representatives, were opened yesterday in the office of Elliott Woods, the Superintendent of the Capitol. There were fourteen bidders, but one of the proposals was thrown out for the reason that it did not comply with the conditions. The specifications contained two propositions, one for the removal of the buildings and refuse to the ground level and the other to remove the buildings to the ground level and the refuse, including cellars and foundation walls. The bids upon the second proposition were in most cases lower than the first, because of the additional work involved.

Many Bids Received. The bidders and their proposals were as follows: R. W. Darby, accepting either proposition in the option of the building commission, \$4,500; Cogan Bros. & Forschner, \$5,000 on the first proposition, and \$3,500 on the second; W. H. McCray, \$2,800; Pavarini & Greer, \$1,700; William R. Shelton, \$4,350, and \$4,010; William L. Hughes, \$3,505 and \$3,000; Blundon & Turner, \$1,330 and \$900; William Yost Bros., \$4,500 and \$3,000; Baum, Bernheimer & Co., \$4,300 and \$4,325; George A. Myers, \$3,750, and the F. F. Carmody Construction Company, \$2,700; James L. Karriek, \$2,550 and \$3,325; Colburn Paving Company, \$3,500 and \$3,000.

The commission will make the award on Wednesday, having reserved the right to reject any bids. The Congressional Hotel, which stands on the corner of B Street and New Jersey Avenue, will not be removed immediately, but will be used as an office by the superintendent during the preliminary work of construction. The work of demolition will begin on the First Street side as soon as the contract is let.

MARINE ENGINEERS HOLD THEIR ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the National Marine Engineers' Association, which has been in session at the Ebbitt House for the week, adjourned yesterday afternoon. All of the sessions were executive, and no announcement was given out.

INSANITY OF BARBER MAKES FLESH CREEP

Love Affair Interrupted by Sending John Evans to Asylum.
How Tonsorial Artist Severed Jugular Vein.

John W. Evans, a negro barber, employed in the shop at 3122 Fourteenth Street northwest, was yesterday hospitalized for the insane. Information that the man was insane reached Sanitary Officer John Frank, Friday afternoon, but it was not until late on Friday night that the police of the Second precinct were able to locate Evans in his home at 201 O Street northwest.

When found, Evans was preaching a sermon to an imaginary congregation, and after his removal to a police cell he continued to pray and sing hymns. When seen yesterday afternoon, however, by Drs. Burch and Wall, of the Board of Police Surgeons, the religious mania had departed, and instead acute mania of the most pronounced type, including homicidal tendencies, had developed, indicating unpleasant possibilities had a customer been in Evans' chair when the mania was upon him.

One rather pathetic feature of Evans' affliction is his interrupted love affair. On Wednesday last he was to have married Missouri Wormley, an intelligent and attractive negroess. But even before that time there was something in Evans' manner which caused the license clerk to refuse him a marriage license, and aroused a suspicion in the mind of his prospective wife, so that she insisted on postponing the wedding. Now the engagement has been declared off, at least until Evans has had a chance to recover.

Mr. Frank's Experience.

The dangerous vista opened by the thought of an insane barber suggested to Sanitary Officer Frank an experience he once had. Some years ago his daughter was about departing for a summer holiday and Captain Frank stopped for a shave at an Avenue barber shop on his way to the railroad station to see her off. When he entered the barber shop but one chair was vacant. He took this chair and the barber had thoroughly lathered his face when he addressed Captain Frank by name and asked him how he was. Captain Frank looked at the man curiously, and fancied that he recognized him.

"Are you So and So, of Such and Such a number?" he asked.

"Why, yes. Don't you remember sending me over to St. Elizabeth's two years ago?"

Captain Frank did remember, and while the barber went to get a clean towel the sanitary officer, glancing out the door, shouted: "Hey, there!" to an imaginary passer-by. Hastily wiping the lather from his face, he explained to the barber that a man had just passed whom he must see under all circumstances, and rushed headlong from the shop, large and beautifully developed chest muscles running down his spinal column.

Owing to his dealing with the insane,

Captain Frank is familiar with many instances of a similar character, one of which he related to the reporter for The Times some days ago. A Washington physician was sitting in a barber's chair in a nearby town when, as often happens, the barber became loquacious. A suicide which had occurred in the town that morning in which the man had cut his throat with a razor, came up for discussion. The physician remarked that if a man were fool enough to wish to kill himself in this manner he were even bigger a fool to slash his whose throat, when all that was necessary was to tap the jugular vein.

"Where is that spot located," asked the barber. The physician showed the exact spot to the "tonsorial artist." "Excuse me a moment, Doctor," said the barber, when the job of shaving was nearly over, going into a rear room. After waiting until his patience was exhausted, the physician made inquiries concerning the barber, and investigation made by other men in the shop showed that he had nicked the jugular vein in the precise spot indicated by the physician, bleeding to death before he was discovered. After thinking over the other use to which the barber might have put the information imparted to him, the physician decided thereafter always to shave himself, a resolution to which he has strictly adhered.

ANXIOUS TO MARRY WIFE'S GRANDDAUGHTER

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 23.—Herbert David Whorley, of Franklin county, and Lillian B. Hall, granddaughter of his deceased wife, are in love with each other and wish to marry, but the law prohibits such a union.

The matter came up in the Virginia General Assembly, when that body was asked to enact a special law enabling the two to be married. The bill was presented by Representative Garrett, who explained the predicament of the couple to the lawmakers. There is no blood relationship between the couple.

FIVE COLLEGES EACH ASK CARNEGIE FOR \$1,000,000

TOPEKA, Jan. 23.—Washburn College, a congregational institution of Topeka, and four other Western colleges, names not known, have asked Andrew Carnegie for \$1,000,000 apiece. Each college sent a representative man to Mr. Carnegie. Mr. Justice Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, who was formerly a Kansan, spoke for Washburn.

It is said that Mr. Carnegie looks with favor on the proposition. President Plass, of Washburn, tonight told a friend about the plan, but would not give details.

MORE MONEY FOR ARMY MANEUVERS

Gen. Chaffee Asks for Appropriation of \$1,245,366.

THEY ARE OF GREAT VALUE

Next Year Sham Battles Will Be on Much Larger Scale—Effort Seems to Be Appreciated.

From the report to the House yesterday of the estimates of Lieutenant General Chaffee for the army and militia maneuvers for the fiscal year, amounting to a total of \$1,245,366, of which \$215,900 is for the army and \$1,030,466 for the militia.

In his letter General Chaffee says: "As there is no longer any question of the very great value of these maneuvers, nor, from all indications, any doubt of the general appreciation and desire for them, it is proposed to hold them on a much larger scale than hitherto, it being evident that the greater the number of troops, the greater the benefits to all who participate."

THIRD FIRE IN FORTNIGHT IN CHICAGO HOTEL

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—For the third time in the past two weeks fire today attacked the Grand Palace Hotel, North Clark and Indiana Streets. Investigation is being made to learn, if possible, the source of the three fires.

One of the strange features noted in each instance is that the flames were discovered before they had made much headway, and that all of the fires occurred about the same hour.

VANDERBILT PARTY GOES THROUGH WASHINGTON

William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and party, passed through Washington last night in a special car over the Seaboard Air Line for Palm Beach, Fla. There were eighteen persons in the car, about half of the number being ladies. The car was switched from the Pennsylvania to the Seaboard five minutes after its arrival. The occupants had no time to spend in Washington.

BREAKING BABY RECORDS.

SWEDSBORO, N. J., Jan. 23.—Within the last three days the wife of Jesse Fullerton here has presented her husband with three babies. The first, a boy, was born on Monday night. The other two—a boy and a girl—were born at 11 o'clock Thursday night. Both mother and babies are doing well. Fullerton is an employee of the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad.

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\$42.75



This full quartered oak Sideboard, extra large French plate mirror, velvet-lined drawer, highly polished, fine construction. Worth \$45.00.

\$32.50



This pretty, full quartered oak Sideboard, beautifully carved, cast brass trimmings, large linen drawer, lined silver drawer, highly polished. Worth \$40.

\$29.98



This handsome Dining-room Chair, high back, brass arms, turned spindles and rungs, nicely polished. Worth \$1.98.

\$1.37

Box Seat

Dining-room Chair, selected oak, panel back, cane seat, French legs, highly polished. Worth \$3.00.

\$1.89



This high-back, brass arm, wood seat Chair, turned spindles and rungs. Worth \$1.25

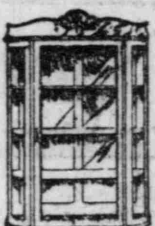
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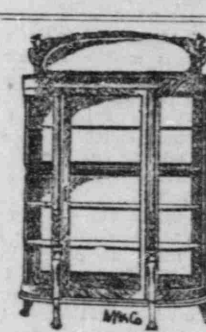
This solid oak China Closet, bent ends, shaped legs, well made, and nicely polished. Worth \$20.00

\$13.95



A quarter sawed oak Buffet, well front, nice size mirror, highly polished. Worth \$24.00.

\$17.50



This handsome quartered oak China Closet, mirror top, bent glass ends, highly polished. Worth \$28.00.

\$19.50



A heavy 3 1/2-inch twisted leg Extension Table, six feet long, solid oak, well made, nicely polished. Worth \$12.00.

\$8.95



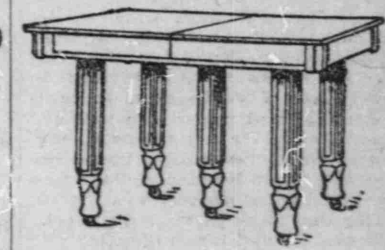
A round selected oak pedestal Extension Table, eight feet long, well made and finished. Worth \$24.00.

\$16.48



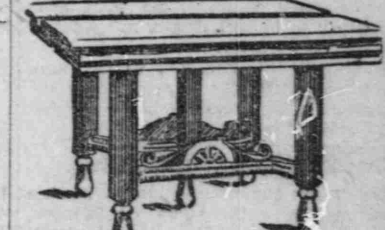
This massive big leg Oak Dining-room Table, six feet long, highly polished. Worth \$15.

\$9.95



This five-leg Table, six feet long, solid oak, well made and nicely polished. Worth \$5.00.

\$3.68



This eight-foot Table, solid oak, stretcher legs, well made and nicely polished. Worth \$9.50.

\$6.98

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